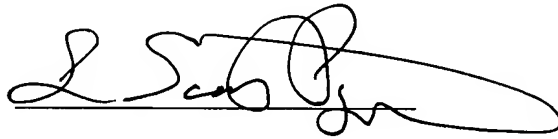


## REMARKS

The present application is a continuation application of PCT Patent Application No. PCT/FR02/02593 filed 19 July 2002 (the "Parent Application"). The specification has been amended to reflect this status. Reconsideration of the present application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any outstanding matters concerning the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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